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3 things you need to know

SEARCH COMPLETED AT OAKLAND WAREHOUSE IN FIRE THAT KILLED 36

1 Authorities concluded their search on Wednesday of an Oakland warehouse gutted by a fast-moving fire that killed 36 people during a dance party, a police official said. The blaze erupted Friday in a sprawling two-story building known as the Ghost Ship that was leased to an artists' collective. Oakland police spokeswoman Johnna Watson told local television station KRON at a news conference that investigators are moving debris away from the charred remains of the warehouse to piece through the material. "Officially the search for any additional victims has concluded and unfortunately the toll is 36," Watson told KRON. The cause of the blaze has yet to be determined, but investigators are focusing on a particular appliance at the building. REUTERS

REPUBLICAN FCC COMMISSIONERS URGE QUICK REVERSAL OF OBAMA RULES

2 Two Republican Federal Communications Commissioners say the Trump administration should reverse many significant policies set by the telecommunications and cable regulatory body under President Obama. FCC Commissioner Mike O'Rielly said at an event at the National Press Club that the FCC under President Donald Trump needs to "undo the more harmful policies adopted by the current commission. ... The policy direction chosen in these instances was wrongheaded, harmful to consumers and the industry, costly, and ultimately unworthy of continuation." FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai said he hoped the commission would eliminate many regulations, propose fewer new actions and seek guidance from Congress before taking many actions. He said the commission should take a "weed whacker" to unneeded rules. REUTERS

US SENATE JOINS HOUSE TO PASS SWEEPING NEW HEALTH BILL

3 The U.S. Senate on Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to support sweeping new legislation that will reshape the way the Food and Drug Administration approves new medicines. It will also provide funding for cancer and Alzheimer's research and grants to help fight the opioid epidemic. Two years in the making, the 21st Century Cures Act was passed last week by the House of Representatives and will now go to President Barack Obama to sign into law. Supporters say it will speed access to new drugs and devices by allowing clinical trials to be designed with fewer patients and cheaper, easier to achieve goals.

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Dr. Jill Stein GETTY IMAGES

Philly court rejects Stein's request for voting machines analysis

Green Party recount effort rebuffed again after netting only five more votes for Hillary Clinton.

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The push for a recount in swing states, including Pennsylvania, led by former Green Party presidential candidate Jill Stein took another blow Wednesday.

A Philadelphia city judge denied the party's requests for "a full forensic analysis of voting machines and their software," a spokesman for Stein's recount effort announced.

Stein made the request because, as she previously told "PBS Newshour," she believes "this was an election in which we saw hacking all over the place."

A representative of her recount effort, which was started after Donald Trump won the presidency, cast doubt on election results in Philadelphia.

"The court's decision will deny voters the chance to know the truth about this election," Ilann Maazel, lead counsel for the Jill Stein campaign recount effort in Pennsylvania, said in a statement. "The only way we'll know if this was a secure and accurate election is if we're able to do a full forensic analysis of these machines, which experts testify are easily hacked, have been hacked by college students in a lab setting, and are banned in California and other states."

The decision came a day after city commissioners, which oversee city elections, announced that Clinton gained a total of five votes after a recount of all 75 Philadelphia voting divisions in which a review was requested.

But another supporter of Stein's efforts doubts that recount was valid.

"Because Philadelphia's voting machines do not keep a voter-verified paper record of each vote cast, we can't be sure that these machines have accurately tallied the votes," said Lehigh University computer science and engineering professor Daniel Lopresti in a statement. "That is why a full forensic analysis of the machines and their software is necessary."

Stein's lawsuit for a full state recount, previously filed in state court, was dropped and refiled in Philly federal court.

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Mr. Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive.

"Tony felt we should use the size and scale of Metro to help other's and he used enormous dedication and force to execute the project and every year make children in need a little happier during the holiday season," said Metro's Chief Executive Officer Yggers Mortensen.

"I am proud to continue this project in honor of Tony and I hope all our readers, suppliers and members of the Metro team will help to make this yet another great Metro Magic year."

Metro has created a wish list at the Target website that readers can access by going to Metro .us and clicking on the Tony's Metro Magic story on the homepage.

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South Street Spring Festival 2016 in May SOUTH STREET HEADHOUSE DISTRICT

South Street gets $525K grant to address pedestrian safety

The funds will go toward widening sidewalks and adding speed bumps for vehicles.

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A $525,000 state grant will be used to improve Philly's South Street Headhouse District in an effort to make the bustling area more accessible to pedestrians.

State Rep. Michael O'Brien secured the money, saying in a statement Tuesday that it will go toward modifying driving lanes and sidewalks along with addressing other improvements.

"South Street is more than just thoroughfare for Philadelphia," said O'Brien, a Democrat whose legislative district encompasses parts of Kensington, Northern Liberties, Old City and Penn's Landing. "It is a recreation and cultural center for residents of the city, and a tourist attraction that draws visitors from the suburbs and beyond into our great city."

Some of the updates include widening walking paths, narrowing driving lanes to ease traffic and enhance pedestrian safety, realigning crosswalks and installing safety features, including speed bumps, lights and directional signs.

The South Street Headhouse District is a 10-block stretch, running from Front Street to 11th Street. In some areas, it extends up to Pine Street and as far south as Kater Street.

It's host to popular annual events like the South Street Spring Festival, Night Markets, Bloktoberfest and the Easter Promenade.

The grant is provided through the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program, which was set up in 2013 through legislation that O'Brien supported.

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BRIEF

Convicted of fraud, ex-Congressman Chaka Fattah faces lengthy sentence

Federal prosecutors are seeking a prison sentence of up to 21 years for former Rep. Chaka Fattah, the Philadelphia congressman who was ousted in an April primary and convicted in June for a racketeering scheme.

Fattah was found guilty on all 23 counts of racketeering, fraud, bribery, money laundering and conspiracy, and resigned two days after his conviction. The 60-year-old Democrat had been a congressman since 1985, but while awaiting trial on the corruption charges, he lost the House of Representatives primary to Dwight Evans in April. Evans won a special election last month and took office a short time later.

Fattah misused federal funds to pay off personal and political debts, and to benefit his family and friends, according to prosecutors.

He will be sentenced Monday and maintained his innocence since he was charged last year. Prosecutors say Fattah has shown little remorse for violating the public trust, according to court documents.

Among his crimes, Fattah and some of his associates borrowed $1 million from a wealthy donor in connection with his failed 2007 mayoral campaign, and disguised the funds as a loan. Fattah then turned to a nonprofit he controlled, Educational Advancement Alliance, to repay $600,000 of that loan.

He also used campaign funds to pay off $23,000 of his son's student loans and fraudulently applied for a $15 million grant to help cover a $130,000 debt to a consultant, prosecutors said. He never received the grant. Fattah also concealed an $18,000 bribe as payment for a bogus car sale, prosecutors said.

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Suspect surrenders in fatal shooting of Northeast Philly teen

Ian Wilsey was shot three times on the street on Nov. 28

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A man is in custody for last month's fatal shooting of a 14-year-old Mayfair boy.

Samir Price, 19, turned himself in to Philadelphia police Tuesday to face charges for the killing the ninth-grader on Nov. 28, as the victim, Ian Wilsey, and a friend were hanging out in Northeast Philly.

Price, of the 6100 block of Loretto Street, is charged with murder, robbery and firearms offenses.

Authorities said two men ambushed Wilsey and his 16-year-old friend around 9 p.m. on the 6200 block of Brous Avenue in Mayfair. When the teens tried to run, one of the suspects opened fire with a semi-automatic handgun. Wilsey was struck in the chest three times. One of the bullets pierced his heart. His friend was not harmed.

At the time, investigators were unsure of any motive in the shooting. But a source later said the two boys may have been targeted after they saw the suspects sell marijuana to another friend, police say.

Wilsey was a student at Northeast High School. A GoFundMe page was created to help his family pay for funeral costs. The website has also served as a place where people can pay tribute to the boy, who would have turned 15 in December.

"Ian left a lasting impression on me after having him last year. Some days tough, but mostly fun. I loved our Monday morning conversations about football," Wilsey's former teacher, Jessica Nicholls, wrote. "He will be missed. Cherish all the wonderful memories of him."

Philadelphia's skyline from West Philly. PHOTO BY J. FUSCO FOR VISIT PHILADELPHIAÂ®

Travel magazine names Philly among top 2017 destinations

The magazine's accolade is another to add to Philly's growing collection.

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Another day, another accolade recognizing Philadelphia's world-class restaurants, nightlife, history and culture.

Travel + Leisure magazine recognized the city on its "50 Best Places to Travel in 2017" list, joining the ranks of international destinations like Helsinki, Jerusalem and Turin, Italy. Philly was the only East Coast city to join the premier list.

Philadelphia — a selection which Travel + Leisure editors said might surprise readers — earned a spot on the list, in part, because its high-profile events. Pope Francis visited in 2015, and subsequently inducted it as the first World Heritage City in the U.S., and the Democratic National Convention took over this past summer.

"The young population here is growing at a faster rate than any other major city, and tidy residential neighborhoods like East Passyunk are being diversified," T+L's Adam Erace wrote. "Here, the old guard sipping homemade limoncello at the Sicilian social club shares sidewalk seating with the double-IPA enthusiasts at the craft-beer boutique next door, while across the street, two young female sommeliers have put together thrilling lists of skin-fermented Malvasia, Breton cider, and quirky Canary Island reds at hot spots Townsend and ITV.

"Around the corner, the succulent slow-cooked lamb tacos at South Philly Barbacoa come with a side of social justice: Owners Cristina Martinez and Ben Miller are staunch activists for undocumented workers' rights (Martinez is open about her own undocumented status). And the new mayor is on their side as well — he's fighting to protect Philly as a sanctuary city."

Praise for the city has been flowing in recent years. In 2014, The New York Times ranked Philly No. 3 on its list of the 52 best places to visit. Last year, Fodor's Travel pinpointed the city as a must-visit on its Go List 2016. Earlier this year, Lonely Planet declared Philadelphia the best place to visit in the country.

BRIEF

'America's Most Wanted' fugitive from Montco caught in UK after raping teen

A convicted child predator who skipped bail in Montgomery County and fled the country in 2006 was sentenced this week in England on child rape charges, prosecutors announced.

Gerard Zalewski, 33, will be targeted for extradition back to the U.S. after completing his 12-year sentence to serve even more time on charges of sexual contact with an underage girl, vowed Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele.

"The FBI notified us today that Zalewski was sentenced today in England for committing a similar sexual crime against a child," Steele announced Wednesday. "Once the defendant serves his time in England, we want him back to lock him up. This violent predator will be off of the streets for a very long time."

Zalewski previously pleaded guilty in Montgomery County court for having sexual contact with a 13-year-old Bucks County girl. But he never showed up for his March 2006 sentencing hearing, where he was sentenced in absentia to five to 20 years in prison.

He was placed on the FBI's "America's Most Wanted" list while on the lam, before being located in Lancashire, England.

Montco prosecutors first charged Zalewski in August 2004 after an undercover officer posing as a 12-year-old girl arranged a meeting to have sex. Zalewski was arrested when he showed up for the meeting. He was later found to have previously had sexual contact with the Bucks County girl.

After fleeing authorities, Zalewski "groomed" a 13-year-old victim he met over the internet before meeting her in a park to have sex in June 2016, according to law enforcement from Lancashire in the UK.

Montco prosecutors say new charges for fleeing his original sentence will be filed against Zalewski.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Two juveniles charged with arson in Tennessee wildfires

Thousands of people were forced to evacuate their homes and businesses during the wildfires.

The remains of a home smolders after a wildfire last week in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. GETTY IMAGES

Two juveniles have been arrested and charged with arson in connection with deadly Tennessee wildfires that broke out last in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, state officials said on Wednesday.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokesman Josh DeVine declined to release details about the juveniles because of their ages and the ongoing investigation.

Fourteen people died in the fires, which have damaged and destroyed more than 1,750 structures, local and federal authorities said in a statement.

It was the highest death toll from wildfires in the United States since 2013, when 19 firefighters died near Prescott, Arizona.

"Our promise is that we will do our very best to help bring closure to those who have lost so much," Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Director Mark Gwyn said in a statement.

The largest of the blazes, the so-called Chimney Tops 2, broke out on Nov. 23 in a remote rugged area dubbed Chimney Tops in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, authorities said.

Fed by drought-parched brush and trees and stoked by fierce winds, the flames quickly spread, turning into an inferno that roared out of the park.

A large amount of the damage was in Gatlinburg, known as the "gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains," in eastern Tennessee, about 40 miles southeast of Knoxville. REUTERS

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Turner will create shows for Snapchat in expanded partnership

Turner Broadcasting System Inc. will create more video content for mobile app Snapchat and collaborate with the social media company on advertising, Turner said on Wednesday, as they expand a partnership to broaden their reach among millennials.

TV networks of the Time Warner Inc. unit, including TBS and Adult Swim, will create original series exclusively for the unit of Snap, Inc, the broadcaster said in a statement.

The companies also renewed their March agreement for Snapchat to create Live Stories, collections of user-submitted photos and videos centered around a specific event, with sports shows from Turner. The shows include the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Basketball Championship and the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Championship.

Turner will lead sales efforts for Live Stories and shows, while Snapchat will take the lead for sponsorships on the Discover channels.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

Turner formed the partnership with Snap in 2015, and forged links with other digital media companies, to court younger viewers who prefer mobile gadgets to television. Turner said its networks reach more than 75 percent of millennials each month, the same audience that Snapchat targets.

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The partnership began with the launch of Snapchat's Discover feature which allows companies to offer and manage their own content. The original channels included Turner's CNN and Bleacher Report, a San Francisco-based sports news website.

Bleacher Report, which had been available worldwide except in the United States, France and Australia, will launch a U.S. Discover channel on Jan. 4. CNN will increase its content on Discover.

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Trump chooses pro wrestling magnate Linda McMahon to head SBA

Donald Trump said on Wednesday he will nominate professional wrestling magnate and former Senate candidate Linda McMahon as his choice to head the Small Business Administration.

Trump's announcement said McMahon would be a key player in his effort to generate stronger job growth and roll back federal regulations.

McMahon, 68, is a co-founder and former CEO of the professional wrestling franchise WWE, which is based in Stamford, Connecticut. She ran unsuccessfully for a U.S. Senate seat in Connecticut in 2010. She was an early supporter of Trump's presidential campaign.

Linda McMahon GETTY IMAGES

The SBA, which has at least one office in every U.S. state, provides support to small businesses such as by extending loans and making sure they get a percentage of federal contracts.

Trump said McMahon had helped the WWE grow from a 13-person operation to a publicly traded global enterprise with more than 800 employees worldwide. Trump is a WWE Hall of Fame member.

If confirmed by the Senate, McMahon would join a Trump economic team that includes Wall Street executives Steven Mnuchin at the Treasury Department and Wilbur Ross at Commerce.

"Linda has a tremendous background and is widely recognized as one of the country's top female executives advising businesses around the globe," Trump said in the announcement.

McMahon said her goal as the SBA chief would be to promote small businesses and help them grow and thrive.

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Trump fills Homeland Security, environment, China ambassador jobs

Trump continued to build his Cabinet as he prepares to take office on Jan. 20.

President-elect Donald Trump on Wednesday picked a fossil fuel industry defender as his top environmental official, another retired general as Homeland Security chief and Iowa's governor as U.S. ambassador to China in choices at odds with some of his recent pronouncements.

Trump said Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, 48, would be nominated to head the Environmental Protection Agency. Pruitt sued the EPA in a bid to undo a key regulation under outgoing President Barack Obama that would curb greenhouse gas emissions blamed for climate change, mainly from coal-fired power plants.

Trump tapped retired Marine Corps General John Kelly, 66, for secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, which controls immigration. Kelly, the third retired general named by Trump to a senior administration post, last year told Congress that a lack of security on the U.S.-Mexican border posed a threat to the United States.

Trump's transition team said Republican Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, 70, who has boasted of close ties to Beijing's leaders, was picked as U.S. ambassador to China.

All three posts require Senate confirmation.

Pruitt's selection came despite a softer tone Trump has struck on environmental regulation since his Nov. 8 election. He has stepped back from casting climate change as a hoax, signaled he might be willing to allow the United States to continue participating in the Paris climate change deal aimed at lowering world carbon emissions.

Pruitt's selection brought a quick rebuke from Democrats.

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

"The head of the EPA cannot be a stenographer for the lobbyists of polluters and Big Oil," House of Representatives Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said of Pruitt.

Trump talked tough during the campaign about deporting all of the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States and building a wall along the Mexican border. But since the election he has softened his comments on deportation and referred to some illegal immigrants "terrific people."

Kelly would work in tandem with Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions, Trump's pick for attorney general who is a leading advocate of cracking down on illegal immigration.

Kelly would head a department in charge of securing borders against illegal immigration, protecting the president, responding to natural disasters and coordinating intelligence and counterterrorism.

He formerly headed the Southern Command, responsible for U.S. military activities and relationships in Latin America and the Caribbean. He was a proponent of keeping open the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Branstad has been an eager trading partner with China, helping Iowa sell agricultural goods to the Asian powerhouse. His choice came after Trump rattled the world's second-largest economy with tough talk on trade and a telephone call with the leader of Taiwan. REUTERS

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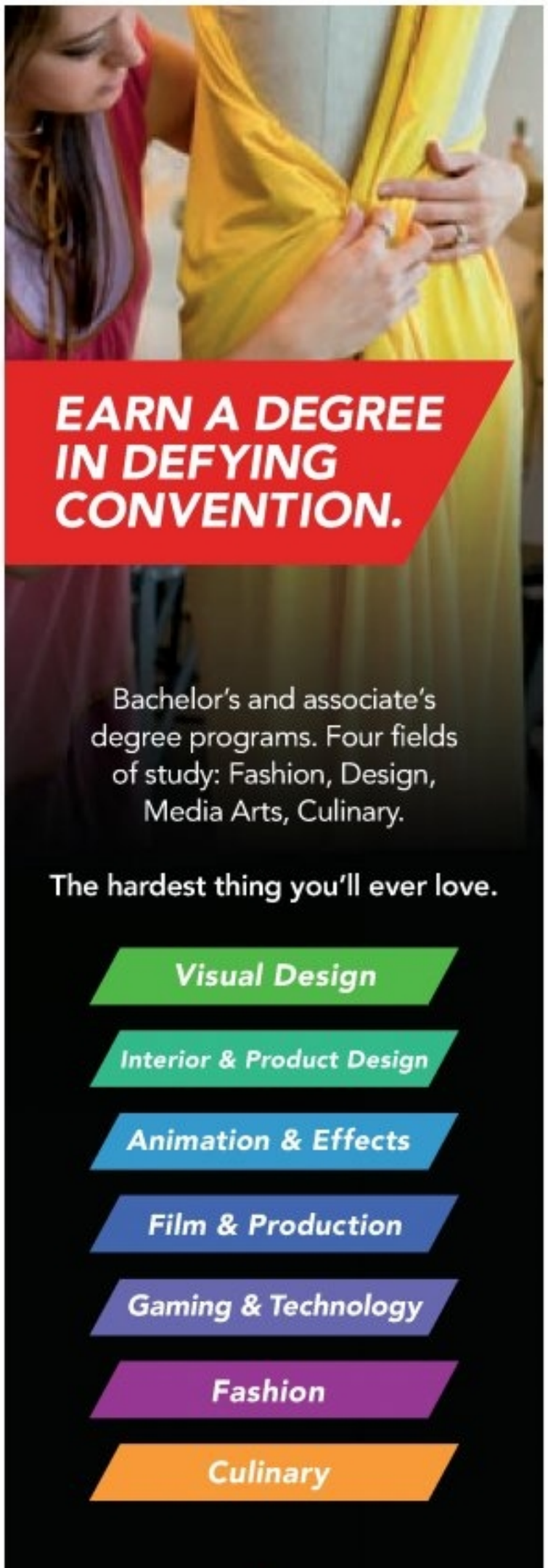
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Designers refused to dress Ashley Graham for British Vogue

Ashley Graham is having an amazing year. After being the first plus-size model to take the cover of Sports Illustrated's Swimsuit Issue, she received her own curvy Barbie and was tapped to be one of the new judges on the reboot of Tyra Bank's "America's Next Top Model." This month, she was the cover girl for British Vogue. Graham is an outspoken advocate for body acceptance and is changing the face, or should we say body, of fashion.

But unfortunately not everyone is on board. In the editor's letter, British Vogue's editor-in-chief, Alexandra Shulman, expressed her disappointment that several designers flat out refused to dress Graham for the January cover. Shulman called their decision "unwise." We have less kind words that aren't appropriate for a daily newspaper.

There's a bigger picture, pun intended, that designers are clearly missing.

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Kim, Khloe & Kourtney don't want Blac Chyna using the Kardashian name

For all their playing nice on camera for "Rob & Chyna" and "Keeping Up With The Kardashians," Kim, Khloe and Kourtney are drawing a hard line in the sand when it comes to Blac Chyna. From the look of things, the sisters do not mix business with pleasure.

In May, TMZ released documents filed by Chyna to trademark the name "Angela Renee Kardashian" for professional purposes. It's possible that as she continues to grow her brand, Rob Kardashian's fiancée might want to distance herself from the Blac Chyna moniker, which she's had since she was a stripper in Miami.

But Kim, Kourtney and Khloe are trying to block the trademark, according to documents obtained by TMZ on Tuesday. They claim that if Chyna gets the trademark, they will "suffer damage including irreparable injury to their reputation and goodwill." This seems kind of harsh, especially given that she will legally be Angela Renee Kardashian once she marries Rob.

And, honestly, if the Kardashian brand can survive sex tapes and Scott Disick, Angela Renee certainly won't kill it.

This is how we know Oprah & Gayle King are real besties

If your best friend only ever has nice things to say to you all the time, you need a new best friend. For inspiration, look no further than Oprah and her BFF Gayle King. The power pair has a friendship that spans decades, and they have mastered the art of keeping it real with each other.

On Monday, King Instagrammed a photo of herself making a television appearance. In the caption she shared Oprah's commentary on her accessory. "Note @oprah sent to my asst this am 'plz tell Gayle I'm on treadmill & it's hard to focus w/the circus around your neck' I think she's WRONG thoughts?"

And that's not the first time Oprah has been hilariously harsh with her friend. Us Weekly recalled another time O kept it too real about Gayle's red lipstick.

It forces the question: If your friends don't roast you, are they really your friends?

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Russell Crowe will not be charged for hotel incident with Azealia Banks

In one of the more bizarre stories of the year, Azealia Banks crashed a small gathering hosted by Russell Crowe back in October. Things took a dark turn when an altercation in the hotel room where the event was hosted resulted in Russell Crowe physically removing Banks from the room.

Banks pressed assault charges against Crowe, claiming that he called her the n-word and spat on her in addition to roughly tossing her out of his suite. TMZ reports that the Los Angeles County D.A. is rejecting the charges. They found his actions justifiable because of witness testimony that names Banks as the aggressor — she allegedly threatened to cut guests with a glass.

It's worth noting that all of these witnesses are friends of Crowe's who were invited to the party, which sucks for Banks.

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Katie Holmes behind the camera

Actress takes her career down a new course with "All We Had," which she directed.

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Katie Holmes stars in and directs "All We Had," playing a down-and-out mother struggling to get by with her teenage daughter (Stefania LaVie Owen, left). GRAVITAS VENTURES

What Katie Holmes wanted to do was direct. But she didn't want to quit acting. The actress is both in front of the camera and behind it in "All We Had," an indie drama about a cash-strapped mother (Holmes) and daughter (Stefania LaVie Owen). Holmes' Rita has endured a lifetime of bad choices; her latest failure sends her and Owen's Ruthie on the road; they break down in a small East Coast town and try to start anew. It's not Holmes' first directing job: She previously made the short documentary "Eternal Princess" about teen gymnast Nadia Comaneci, and has since helmed an episode of the miniseries "The Kennedys After Camelot,'" in which she plays Jackie O.

Holmes, 37, talks to us about working with fellow actors and taking a new direction in her career.

What made you first want to direct?

It's something I've always wanted to do. I love stories, I love storytelling. With "Eternal Princess," it was about getting my feet wet. Then I got confident. I went to my agency's book department and sought material to do a narrative.

What was it about Annie Weatherwax's novel that made you think it would make a strong film?

I loved all the characters. I love the humanity of each character, and the healing that took place with each of them. I also felt like Rita and Ruthie had such a unique mother-daughter relationship. They were always on the road, always moving. There are some unconventional qualities to their relationship. Sometimes Rita's the daughter and Ruthie's the mom, and vice versa.

Was it always the idea to both act in and direct this?

It was always the idea to do both, because I really liked the role. Also, I wanted to be in the scenes with my actors. I wanted to kind of direct from within.

That's an unusual way of working. I think sometimes directors aren't always sure how to direct performers.

I've had wonderful experiences with different directors. I know what I like when I'm being directed; I know the environment I like to have on set. I tried to create that for the actors. When you're a director inside a scene with an actor, you can sort of lead the scene. I was really lucky, because Stefania LaVie was really open and free. We improv'd a lot. Everyone was willing to try different things. That's rare.

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What do you think are the biggest challenges of directing actors?

One of the biggest is time. Feeling rushed never helps a performance. You really don't get what you need. We were able to have some rehearsal time. I always want more rehearsal time whenever I'm working as an actor. But that feeling of being rushed can happen, because you have to get a lot done in a short period of time. I tried to avoid that by working with them at lunch. We all became this moving team. We were always talking about it. Even when we were under the gun to finish in a certain amount of time, we were already sort of prepared for that. I hope it worked! [Laughs]

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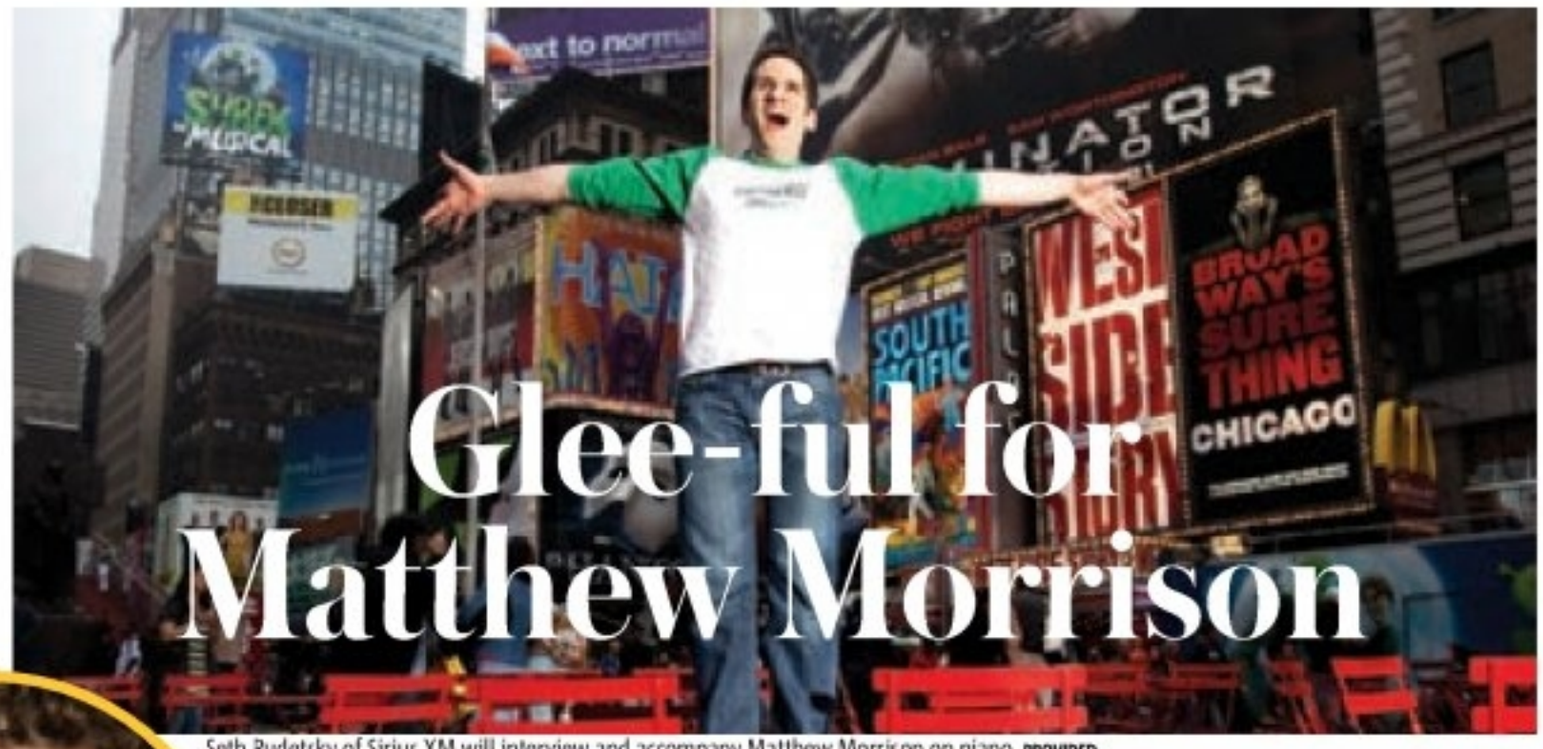

Seth Rudetsky of Sirius XM will interview and accompany Matthew Morrison on piano. PROVIDED

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For most television viewers, Matthew Morrison will always be the earnest but wrongheaded teacher in Ryan Murphy's colorful television series "Glee." For anyone with a background in Broadway and musical theater, however, Morrison was the dashing leading man from stage hits such as "The Light in the Piazza," "Hairspray," "South Pacific" and, most recently, "Finding Neverland." That dancing and singing guy is who Morrison Sirius XM radio host Seth Rudetsky will bring to the Kimmel Center for the next show of his "Broadway Up Close" series on Dec. 17. In improvisational talk show fashion, Rudetsky will fire off questions then play piano beside Morrison without much warning as to what will come next.

"Glee" had such an enormous, ingratiating presence for so long that your character has to now be both a blessing and a curse. Do people expect you to be this always cheerful, empathetic person?

His intentions were good, and it's fortunate that as happy-go-lucky a character as he was, I too am an upbeat guy. It only backfires when I'm not in a good mood or want alone time, and someone asks for those selfies with you. That said, it was nice to be on a show that was so special, that had a voice, that said something such as "Glee" did. As an actor, I've been on lawyer shows and cop shows and those are great, and I am glad to do them, but "Glee" had messages, and we changed a lot of lives. That is not lost on me, and I will always cherish my time on that show.

Are you friends with Seth? What did he promise you about coming down to Philly?

We are great friends, and he is a shining light when it comes to all that goes on within the Broadway community. He is our mouthpiece. His shows are unlike any shows you can take on — anything can happen. Me, I like to come in and be very prepared when I do my concerts. Know exactly what I'm going to do. With Seth, it is a free-for-all. First, we'll sit and do an interview, then hit the piano and sing, then back again; never knowing what to expect from him. You get an honest, raw performance when you don't know for sure what will come next.

Having witnessed you in concert, you're usually chewing up the scenery and singing and acting in character? Since you won't know what lies ahead, will you still play a role?

I like losing that control and I do relish my characterization, and will do my best to get those in. Since he is interviewing me though, I'll have a chance — I hope — to reveal more personal sides of me — my deepest darkest stories. Then again, I'm not sure what he is going to ask so it could be anything. I have been so fortunate to have such a multifaceted career, that we could go anywhere. It should allow me to have perspective. Then again, I'm not showy or braggart-y so this is a great opportunity.

Ducking backwards.... OK, I was young and I needed the money.

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No, really, what was your first favorite song to sing, the one where you totally connected with the lyric and the melody?

I think it would have to be "On the Street Where You Live" from "My Fair Lady." It was one of the first musical theater songs that I had to do in junior high. I just immediately felt this connection to it, being this young man, a hopeless romantic, just looking up at the window of this girl he's crushing on, wanting to be close to this woman. It still has resonance today, even as I'm married — that urgency of lust and passion for the woman you love. It takes me back and brings me forward. Now, that's a good song.

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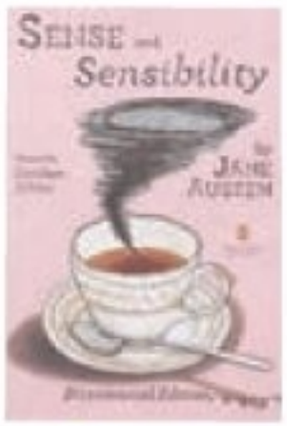

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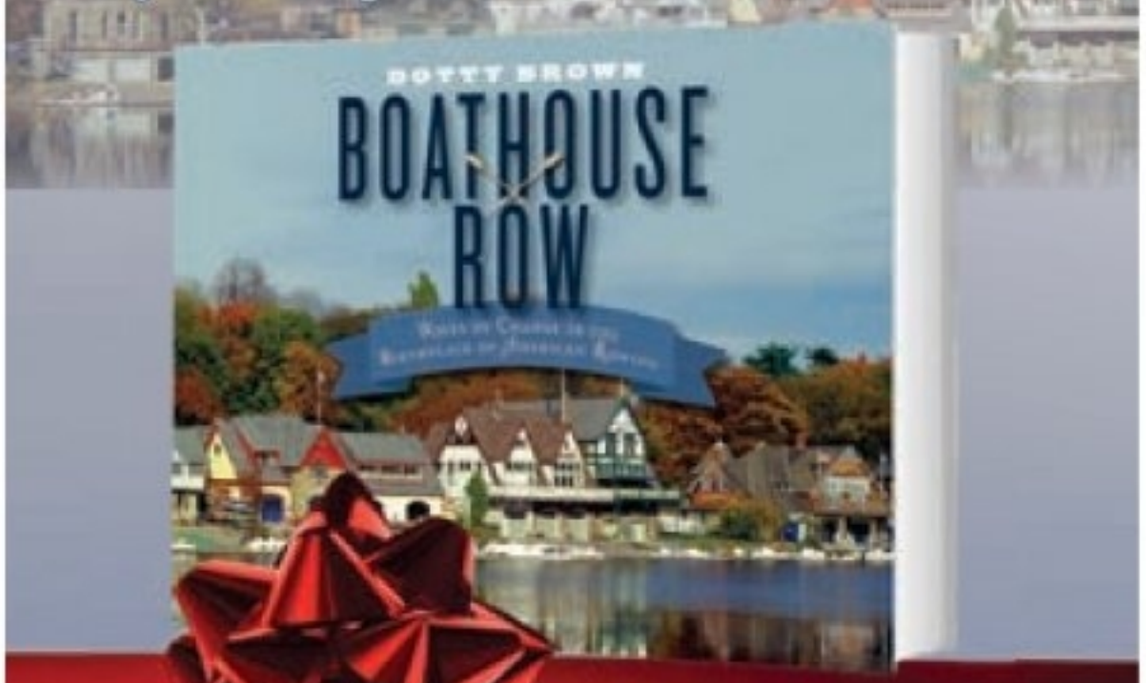

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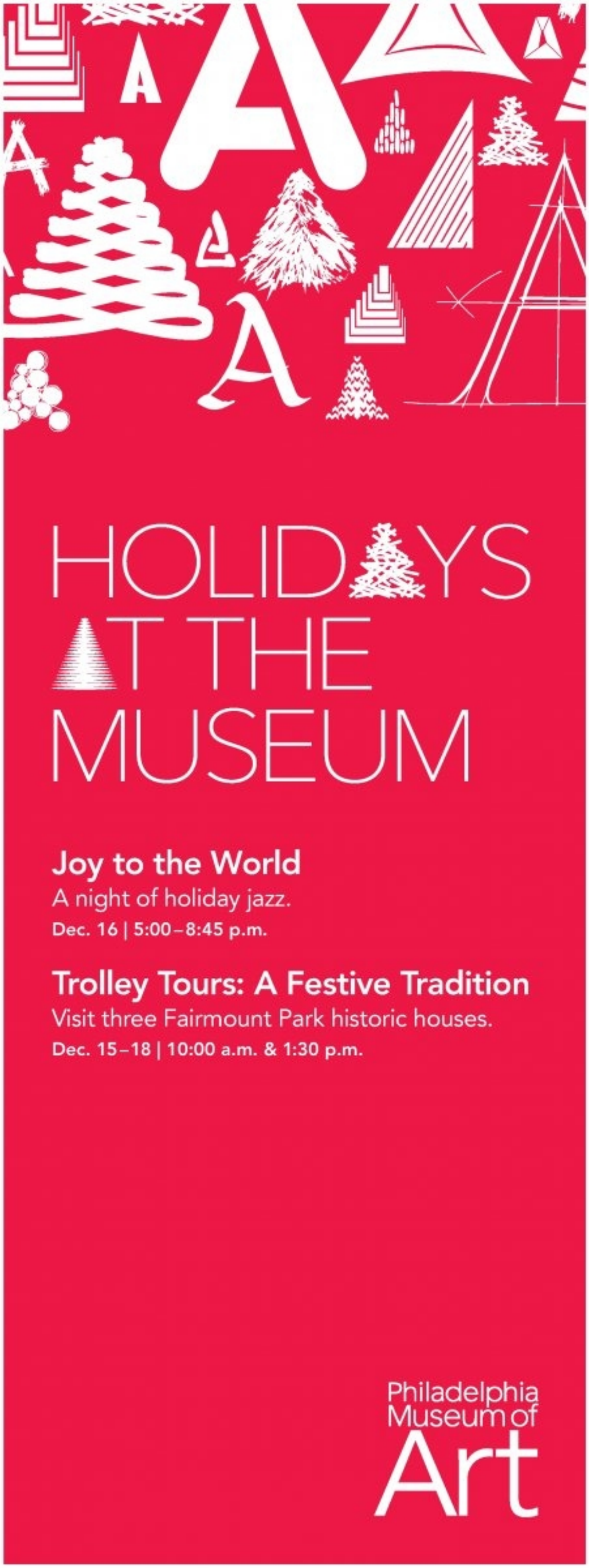
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If the only ice you would like to experience this Christmas is in your drink, then it's time to celebrate the holiday in warmer climates.

"Christmas in Paradise" may have been a forgettable holiday film, but the concept of families escaping the gray, winter doldrums for a Caribbean beach is spot on. Think of Aunt Sally, who'd much rather be relaxing under a cabana with a rum cocktail than cooking that Christmas bird in a sweaty kitchen. Trading your idea of a white Christmas for sand instead of snow is as easy as flying (Newark from $884) to Aruba, the island where winter never comes — but holiday traditions do.

It all starts when you enter Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Spa and Casino (from $925 a night), where eggnog and a beach bag set the tone at check-in. The hotel puts you at the center of the action, whether that's walking to the beach or the city center, where you might run into a familiar figure.

Aruba belongs to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, so expect to see Sinterklass, the Dutch equivalent of ol' St. Nick. He's known to appear on Christmas Day — and who can blame the jolly old soul for starting his vacation after a very long night of delivering gifts around the world? Pose for a photo with Santa/Sinterklass by the island's signature dividivi tree.

If you're partial to the traditional turkey dinner, feast on a holiday meal with all the trimmings at Palms Restaurant. But if you're game enough to try something completely different, the can't-miss experience is Keshi Yena. The Aruban dish, which translates to "stuffed cheese," is made by filling the leftover rind of an Edam or Gouda cheese wheel with tangy spiced meat, onion, tomato, green pepper, olives, capers, raisins and piccalilli. It's baked until the wheel is hot and bubbly. And some bubbly, as in champagne, goes hand-in-hand with the unique island treat.

Aruba is just 18 miles from the coast of Venezuela, where the tradition of making ayacas comes from. The holiday treat is comprised of plantains, chicken, pork, ham and spices, plus a potpourri of raisins, olives, pickles and cashews. The seasonal treat served in a variety of restaurants during the week of Christmas.

The sounds of the season are provided by Gaita bands. Arubans have adopted this Venezuelan Christmas music and turned it into their own holiday tradition, typically made up of a line of female singers accompanied by musicians playing the furuku, cuarta, bass and conga. Catch their festive rhythms during the holidays at shopping malls and business districts.

The party continues until New Year's Eve, which is a big deal in the Southern Caribbean. Arubans celebrate Dande, which literally means "to carouse." Locals throughout the country wish each other success and happiness via song. The upbeat and rhythmic Dande tunes are delivered on the beach and in town.

The tradition of fireworks to ring in the New Year has made it to the island, but the pyrotechnic shows are different in Aruba. Called pagara, these long string of Chinese firecrackers end in large, dramatic displays are set off throughout the days leading up to New Year's Eve to ward off evil spirits for the coming year. The largest pagara is set off mid-afternoon on New Year's Eve in the heart of downtown Oranjestad on the main boulevard, with the climactic ending in front of the Renaissance Mall.

Spending Christmas week in balmy Aruba is certainly a tempting alternative to chilling out in the Northeastern corridor. You may not be able to make a snowman, but that means no one has to de-ice the car or shovel snow, either.

Ayacas are a savory holiday treat. ALL PHOTOS ARUBA TOURISM AUTHORITY

You'll still get your fill of holiday decor in Oranjestad. JUSKA WENDLAND, FLICKR

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Simmonds, scoring goals at a breakneck pace, has been Flyers MVP so far

The forward is on pace to score an impressive 44 goals this season.

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Wayne Simmonds is among the NHL's scoring leaders. NHLI VIA GETTY IMAGES

Wayne Simmonds zigged-zagged over the blue line and fired a soft wrister from at least 50 feet away on Panthers goalie James Reimer during Tuesday's 3-2 thrilling overtime victory.

The harmless shot somehow found twine, though, as it skirted over Reimer's glove and into the back of the net to tie the game at 1-1 late in the first period. Consider it an early Christmas gift from the Florida netminder, who no doubt wanted that one back.

However, it's been that kind of season for Simmonds.

He's scoring ugly goals like the one last game, garbage goals in front of the net and goals that have either tied the game or put the Flyers ahead, but most importantly, he's scoring a lot of them.

Entering Thursday's home game against the Oilers, Simmonds has a team-high 15 goals, including a pair in each of the last two games for the Flyers, who are riding a six-game winning streak.

After tallying a career-high 32 last season, Simmonds is on pace to hit 44 goals this year. The last Flyer to eclipse 40 markers was Jeff Carter with 46 in 2009.

"I am playing with great line mates, great teammates," said Simmonds. "I am just trying to get pucks up and get to the net and do what I can do to help out the team. It is definitely not all me, I can say that."

Simmonds spent most of last year on the first line with Claude Giroux and Jake Voracek. This season, he's mostly been on the second line with Travis Konecny and either centers Sean Couturier or Brayden Schenn, and remains on the first power-play unit.

Through Tuesday's games, he was tied for third in the league with the Bruin's David Pastrnak in goals scored and is ranked 10th in points. The 28-year-old leads the league with eight power play goals and his 13 power play points trail only Giroux for tops in the NHL.

"I think you are seeing a very confident player right now, a very competitive player and a very focused player," Flyers coach Dave Hakstol said. "He's been very important for our group here, especially in the first third of the season, and that is going to continue."

And if he does, Simmonds will almost certainly find himself selected to his first All-Star Game next month in Los Angeles.

"He deserves it 100 percent," said Voracek, who provided the game-winner with 8.6 seconds left in OT on Tuesday. "He's two goals shy of the leading the league but it's his overall game — he's killing [penalties] well, he's playing defense really well, he's scoring on the power play [and] he's scoring on five-on-five. You know, I think he's our best and he's been our MVP so far."

The Eagles are hanging on by a thread. GETTY IMAGES

What do the Eagles have left to play for?

The Eagles are two games behind the Falcons for the final NFC wild card spot and more than twice as far behind the Cowboys in the NFC East.

This wouldn't be such a big deal if there weren't so many teams crammed into contention. The Redskins, Vikings, Packers, Cardinals and Saints are all within two games as well.

With the Eagles coming off their worst performance of the season on both sides of the ball in an ugly loss in Cincinnati last week, many might surmise that the Birds are simply playing to give Carson Wentz, Wendell Smallwood and some other young players reps.

Not Doug Pederson, who sees that statistically the 5-7 Eagles are very much alive.

"This is not the time to pull off, obviously. We've got to continue," Pederson said. "Like you said, we're still in the [playoff] conversation. Even though it's down there, we're still in the conversation. Four games is a lot of football. It's a quarter of your season, and by no means do we want to ease up now. This is not the time. This is actually the time to push forward and still be aggressive and do the things that we did earlier in the season and try to get back to that level of play. That's the beauty of having an opportunity."

Philadelphia will host all three NFC East foes over the next four weeks, and three wins (while perhaps unlikely) can change things in a hurry.

"With three out of the next four at home becomes huge for us down the stretch in hopes of getting to where we want to be," Pederson said.

The Redskins are in town Sunday, a 1 p.m. start on Fox before the only remaining road game in Baltimore against the Ravens commences on Dec. 18.

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Temple still has one of college sports' best in basketball's Dunphy

The Owls' men's basketball team has been among the most consistent in the country over the past decade.

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While Temple supporters continue to grieve at the loss of football coach Matt Rhule, who was announced as the head coach of Baylor Tuesday, little has been made of another coaching accomplishment tackled on North Broad this year.

Rhule, who amassed a 28-23 record in four seasons at Temple, including back-to-back 10 win seasons and netted the team's first conference championship since 1967, undoubtedly is a huge loss for the Owls. But on the basketball court, the work of Fran Dunphy has largely gone unnoticed by the passionate fan base.

While the football team has cycled through three coaches (Al Golden, Steve Addazio and Rhule) in the past 10 years, the basketball team has held just one roaming the sidelines in that timespan.

Mustache or no mustache, Dunphy has led the Owls to a 220-122 record, through the start of his 11th season at the helm. The Owls have reached the NCAA Tournament in seven of those years, while Dunphy has racked up four Coach of the Year Awards (2010, 2012, 2015, 2016) between the Atlantic-10 and AAC conferences for his success.

After dropping two of their first three games to New Hampshire and UMass, Dunphy has the Owls on a roll with a five-game win streak including wins over No. 25 Florida State, No. 19 West Virginia and St. Joe's.

The Owls got past Penn, Dunphy's former coaching stay, 70-64 to improve to 6-2 on the year on Saturday.

"I thought Penn gave us everything we needed to help us be a better basketball team in the end after playing this game," Dunphy said. "I'm hoping we have a certain something about us — we finished today, we were a little shaky but we found a way to maintain the lead there. I'm confident in this group, but we've got to get better."

The Owls are contenders in the AAC this season and have a good chance at yet another NCAA Tournament berth. GETTY IMAGES

Outside of a brutal 2013-14 season for Dunphy and the Owls where they finished just 9-22 on the year, Dunphy has always found a way to maximize his team's talent while fighting the recruiting battle against the likes of Villanova on a yearly basis.

Dunphy's current examples are that of freshman Quinton Rose and Alani Moore. The two freshman, who were passed over by the majority of the major schools across the country, are making an immediate impact this season. In the past four games, Rose is averaging 14.5 points, 3.8 rebounds and 3.3 assists while Moore is right behind with 11.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.3 assists.

Add in junior Obi Enechionyia who is playing at an All-American level right now with 19.9 points, 7.9 rebounds and 3.0 blocks per game and the Owls are looking to be a dangerous force when American Conference play begins at the end of the month.

"We've just got to be smarter and tougher," Moore said after Saturday's win. "Smarter and tougher than everybody else. I think we have the potential to be great."

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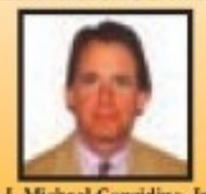

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The Court has fixed courtdate, December 20, 2016 at 9:00AM in Room No. 6C, 1501 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA for hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted

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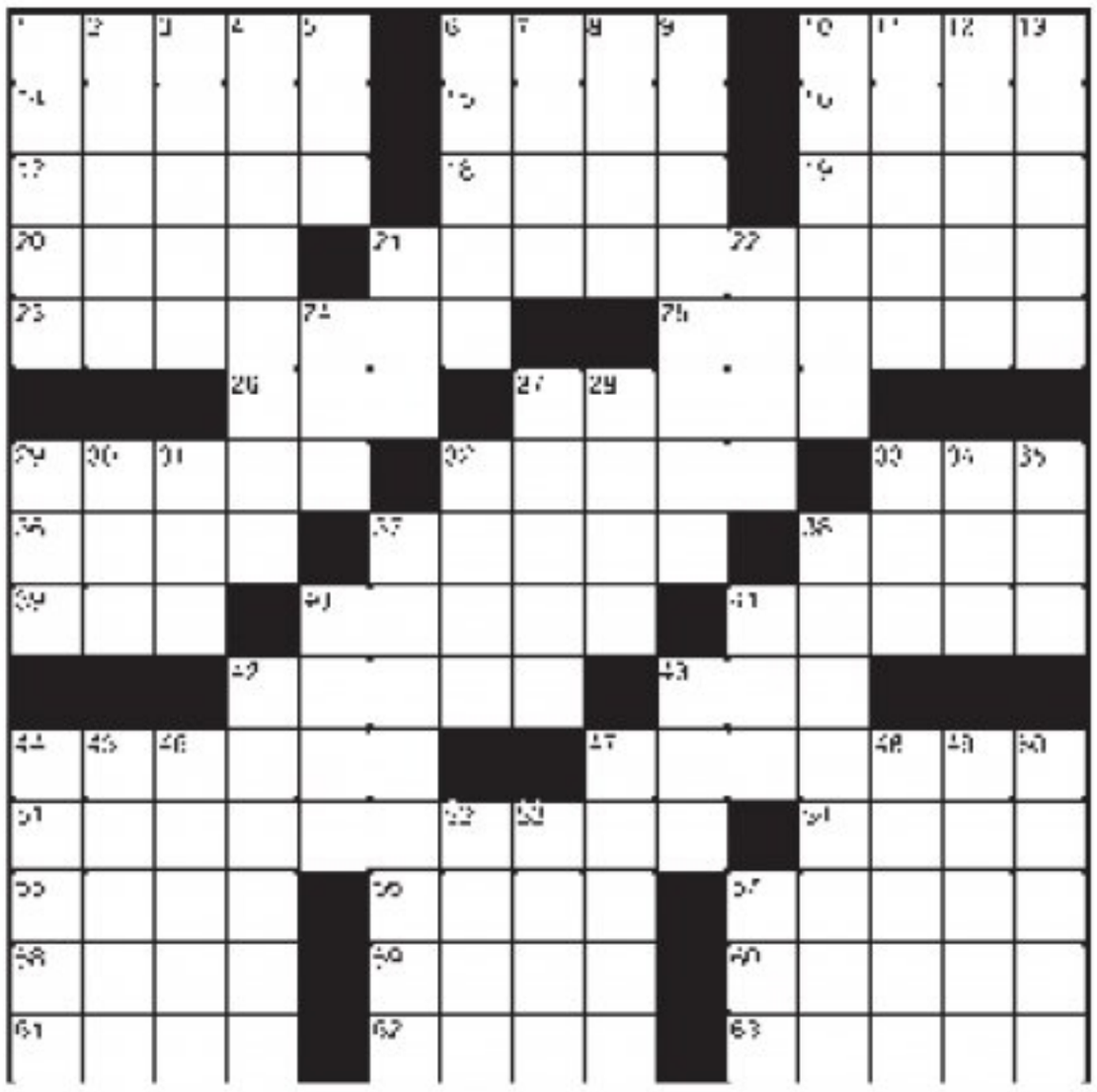

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Gemini An unexpected proposal can turn into a fiasco if you overspend. Get the costs before committing to something that has the potential to turn into a money pit.

Cancer Get your work out of the way before someone criticizes you. Taking on too much will be unproductive and leave you in an awkward position.

Leo A short trip or friendly meeting with someone who shares your beliefs and strategies will lead to an intriguing proposal. Take more interest in children or elders.

Virgo Network with people who can help you flesh out an idea that will secure your position. Don't give in to anyone putting demands on your time or asking for money.

Libra It's an opportune day to make arrangements to do something unique with a loved one. Letting your life become too mundane or routine will cause dissatisfaction.

Scorpio Don't let your emotions cloud your vision. You have to look at the facts and be willing to take some of the blame when disagreements come into play.

Sagittarius You are dedicated and ready to pursue whatever it takes to make your life better. Setting up a workstation at home will lead to greater income.

Capricorn Emotions will flare up. Don't let the actions of others upset you. Back away if you don't want to take part in something. Trust your judgment. Be a leader.

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